

**BILL #** HB 2187

**TITLE:** state library; recovery of costs

**SPONSOR:** Robson

**STATUS:** As Amended by Senate GOV

**REQUESTED BY:** Senate

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## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### **Description**

The bill as amended would require governmental agencies to notify the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records (ASLAPR) if reports, documents and publications are posted on an Internet Web site and requires those agencies to pay a fee if ASLAPR incurs costs in obtaining copies of Internet documents.

### **Estimated Impact**

HB 2187 is estimated to generate additional revenue to ASLAPR's Records Services Fund. The level of revenue increase will largely depend on the fee set by ASLAPR and whether government agencies, in response to the bill, choose to submit a hard copy of the required reports or pay the fee to ASLAPR to cover Internet acquisition costs. Agencies could experience minimal additional costs in complying.

ASLAPR expects the fiscal impact to be minimal.

### **Analysis**

Governmental agencies are increasing their use of Internet Web sites as the sole means of public distribution for documents. Under the bill, a fee would be charged by ASLAPR if a governmental unit does not comply with statutory requirements for Internet document distribution and refuses a subsequent ASLAPR request to supply document copies. ASLAPR has estimated that it costs \$12 per document for the acquisition, processing and preservation of required documents published on the Internet. An accurate estimate of the bill's impact would require an estimate of the number of documents that agencies would fail to properly submit, and that would be subject to fees after the bill's passage. If the bill generates agency compliance with State Library document requirements, the bill's fiscal impact to ASLAPR would be minimal. Agencies could experience a marginal cost increase to either produce hard copy documents for ASLAPR or pay the fees.

### **Local Government Impact**

None

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